Spring 2024



# CELEBRATE LIFE NEWSLETTER

## **POST-ROE AMERICA 2024**

Desormeaux

Brenda DesOrmeaux, President

## <u>Embryos are Human Beings &</u> <u>Deserve our Protection!</u>

Since the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, our clientele has nearly doubled. We are now serving over 200 women per month who are pregnant or need help. Abortion may be in the back of her mind, but after counseling and hearing her unborn child's heartbeat through our free ultrasound, coupled with prayer warriors praying for her in our chapel in the Women's Center, the Holy Spirit zaps her and she chooses life for her unborn child.

We then provide her with all her needs until her baby is 24 months, including a place to live (our St. Marguerite d'Youville Home) throughout her pregnancy and beyond, if necessary, until she finds a job and place to live.

As a client or resident, our resources focus on the whole person and provide emotional, intellectual, physical & spiritual support including chastity in relationships.

The virtue of chastity is the strength that helps us place our sexuality in order with God's plan including self-control, modesty in dress and action. These actions help fight the temptation to immoral sex and helps us respect our body as well as those of others. To be chaste comes from the Grace of God.

May our loving God Bless us all.

Merci Beaucoup, Brenda / <u>desormeauxfoundtion1@gmail.com</u>

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IS GREATLY NEEDED IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE TO OFFER FREE SERVICES DUE TO THE GREAT INCREASE, BUT WE SHALL NOT STOP. WE KNOW THAT "ONLY BY THE GRACE OF GOD" WILL WE CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SAVING UNBORN BABIES BY HELPING THEIR MOMS & DADS. YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

# **A Vision Takes Shape**





The DesOrmeaux Foundation Learning Center

**"For we are co-workers in God's service." - Cor 3.9** The Learning Center will fill an education gap and be a nurturing space for moms struggling with the fear and isolation of an unplanned pregnancy. The classroom environment will serve as a spiritual spa where they can learn, grow and thrive. As we see this vision fueled by the Grace of God take shape, we invite you to join our efforts by volunteering, donating or simply spreading the word of our mission.



Welcome to Kristie DesOrmeaux Wright who has graciously accepted God's call to follow in her mother's foot-steps in serving the unborn and protecting the sanctity of life.

#### "Only by the Grace of God"

Our founder's book chronicles the history of the DesOrmeaux Foundation and the vital part the five ministries have played in the lives of thousands of women and babies in Acadiana, Louisiana and beyond.

Mrs. Brenda's book serves as a fundraiser for the DesOrmeaux Foundation and is a great gift idea for all ages. You can pick up your copies today at The Women's Center of Lafayette, Baby & Me Boutique, MiMi's Attic, Acadian Religious Bookstore and Crossroads Collective Catholic Gift Shop or order online to have them shipped right to your door.



www.desormeauxfoundation.org



<u>Celebrate Life Soiree / Friday, June 14th / Petroleum Club / 6pm</u> <u>Dinner / Dancing / Silent & Live Auction</u>

Sondra Hebert as Emcee / Entertainment provided by Kenny & the Jokers



Want to donate a Trip, Sporting Event or Sought-after Gift as an Auction Item? Give us a call TODAY! All proceeds benefit our Pro-life, Pro-family Ministry!

### **CHAMPIONS - FOR - LIFE / You Make The Difference**



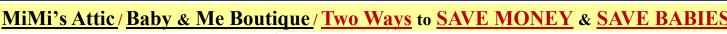
1) Donation from St. Joseph Children's Day Camp in Patterson 2) Fatima's pro-life service project 3) Our Founder, Bishop Deshotel & Ryan Breaux judge St. John Paul the Great Academy's cookoff 4) Catholic Schools Week activities at St. Pius Elem



1) Girl Scouts host baby supply drive 2) Lafayette Mayor Josh Guillory gives our Founder a key to the city at our Learning Centerground breaking 3) VP Danny Schnaars with AmeriGlobe gifts our ministry 4) St Cecilia students host diaper drive



1) Quality Companies donate Christmas gifts to 80 children 2) Junior League of Lafayette quarterly Diaper Bank donation 3) St. Pius X Church & KC's Golfing for Life Fundraiser 4) Sterling Automotive Group donates Holiday Meals to the Home





When donating or purchasing items, you support our ministry!

**Donation List:** Furniture, Lamps, Glassware, Cookware, Utensils, Small Appliances, Artwork, Comforters, Throw Pillows, Bedding, Home Décor, Luggage & Decorations. Also any large children's items like High Chairs, Cribs, Pack-n-Play, Riding Toys, etc. Thanks for building our inventory.

Warmly, Brad & Staff 337.231.0406



Brad Robichaux

Store Manager

ALWAYS A FUN TREASURE HUNT!



From infant to teen, shop us first to save money and save babies. Thank you!

**Donation List:** Gently Used Infant to Teen Clothing, Shoes, Socks, Sheets, Toys, Games, Blankets, Hats, Books, Strollers, School Uniforms, Diapers, Formula & Maternity Wear.

Gratefully, Bonnie & Staff 337.232.4091



WE ALWAYS NEED DIAPERS!

LIKE & FOLLOW US on Facebook & Instagram @BabyandMeBoutiqueLafayette & @MiMisAtticLafayette DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING STORE HOURS / RESALE STORES LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF JEFFERSON & LAMAR



#### Theology of the Body Community of Acadiana (TOBCA)

DID YOU KNOW? The TOB RESOURCE CENTER, the Education Ministry of the Foundation, has TREMENDOUS resources at your FINGERTIPS!

Adele Guillot TOBCA Dir. M.A. Theology Links on the DesOrmeaux Foundation Website under the BLOG Tab have accurate info on topics such as NFP, INVITRO, END OF LIFE, CHASTE LIVING, GREAT MOVIES, INTERNET PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN, DANGERS OF PORNOGRAPHY AND MUCH, MORE!

Our popular podcast, HANDBOOK FOR HUMANITY(\*) has a quick link and so does our NEW RADIO PROGRAM ON KLFT(\*), CATHOLIC RADIO (4pm Tuesdays, 10am Sundays).

Also find our CLASS SCHEDULE, FACEBOOK PAGE and information on our PRESENTATIONS, GUEST SPEAKER OPTIONS, BROKEN and BELOVED RETREAT and CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Click the MINISTRIES tab, then TOBCA option on the DesOrmeaux Foundation website and ALL OF THIS IS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!!

When I completed my study of Theology of the body, I literally wanted to SHOUT TOB FROM THE ROOFTOPS! But in 2005, I did not HAVE a "rooftop" to shout from. NOW...we DO! Every Tuesday at 4pm and Sunday at 10am you can tune in to our NEW radio program as we unfold the ENTIRE teaching. THIS IS THE ROOFTOP! KLFT, 90.5 or 99.5 FM now has a stronger broadcast signal and can reach the entire Diocese of Lafayette!

So, tune in and begin learning the Theology of the Body! If you miss an episode, you can always go to your Spotify/Apple Podcasting App & search "Handbook for Humanity" and listen! Get CREATIVE! Share and discuss with friends and family.

Thank you HOLY SPIRIT for giving us this incredible gift by Pope John Paul II entitled MAN AND WOMEN HE CREATED THEM.



Use QR code to donate on-line today! <u>Under PURPOSE click</u> <u>RECURRING and under FUND</u> <u>choose TOBCA.</u> (\*)Advertising and Memorial Sponsorships Available



In His name, Adele / <u>maguillot27@gmail.com</u> <u>www.desormeauxfoundation.org/theology-of-the-body</u>



Lisa Viator

"Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest..." -Matthew 11:28

We are excited to announce a new program within our Earn-While-You-Learn curriculum that teaches how to live this scripture. Adele Guillot and Becki Landry from our TOBCA Ministry help unpack

TWC Mgr. Landry from our TOBCA Ministry help unpack "Created for More" which navigates the truth through the lens of TOB explaining how our dignity and self-worth

through the lens of TOB explaining how our dignity and self-worth comes from being a child of God since we are made in His image.

Our hope is to extend an invitation to these moms and to understand that being yoked with Jesus is the best answer versus being yoked with the world's distractions. Each person has a conscience, whether formed or ill-formed, and our behavior is influenced by that interior voice which then defines our actions, ethics, principles, character and core beliefs. So the question is, are we letting others control us or are we practicing the spirit of self-restraint? Commitment brings clarity. You become what you celebrate.

Our goal is to encourage clients to pay attention to God's interior dialog within them and know that the Lord is calling all to Himself. "...For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

#### Faithfully, Lisa / lisav.4life@gmail.com



Winter is finally over! (But no crawfish???) Although winter was a trying time, we were able to do a record number of Baby Bottle Campaigns with record revenues!! (Thank you God). With the most pregnant moms seen in the history of the Women's Center program and with a full Maternity Home, the money was more than needed, it was critical.

Phil Camel Develop. Dir.

Develop. Dir. In an average year the DesOrmeaux Foundation gives away more than 300,000 diapers; over 600 gallons of formula and an acre of wipes. GIVES AWAY FREE!!

We have served thousands of babies and their families over the years and without your donations, this is not possible.

So thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaigns in your local church parish, school or community and, most importantly,

God bless you all, Phil / phillipcamel1@gmail.com

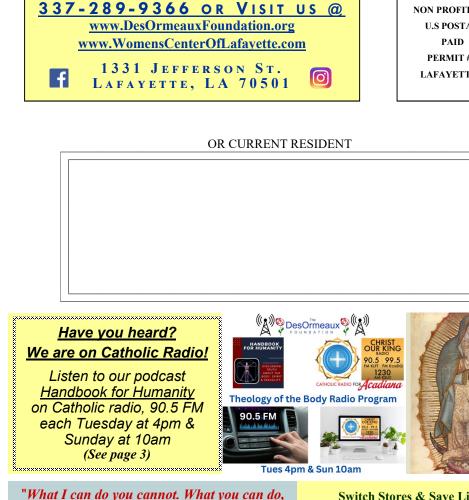
Bonnie Robichaux

Store Manager



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel at TWC** 

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I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God!" - St. Teresa of Calcutta

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